

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell system comprising:

a hydrogen gas supplying portion for supplying hydrogen gas;

a fuel cell which generates electric power by being supplied with the hydrogen gas delivered from the hydrogen gas supplying portion and which exhausts the remaining hydrogen gas;

a first flow passage through which a delivery port of the hydrogen gas supplying portion and a supply port of the fuel cell communicate with each other and through which the hydrogen gas delivered from the hydrogen gas supplying portion flows to be supplied to the fuel cell;

a second flow passage which leads to an exhaust port of the fuel cell and through which the hydrogen gas exhausted from the fuel cell flows; and

a valve which is provided [[in]] within at least one of the supply port and the exhaust port of the fuel cell, which can allow or stop flow of the hydrogen gas by being opened or closed, and which is integral with ~~integrated into~~ a body of the fuel cell.

Claim 2. (Original) The fuel cell system according to claim 1, wherein the valve is built into the fuel cell.

Claims 3-4. (Cancelled).

Claim 5. (Original) The fuel cell system according to claim 1, wherein the valve is built into the hydrogen gas supplying portion.

Claim 6. (Original) The fuel cell system according to claim 1, wherein the valve is directly mounted to the hydrogen gas supplying portion on its outer side.

Claim 7. (Original) The fuel cell system according to claim 1, wherein the valve is connected to the hydrogen gas supplying portion without interposing a flow passage member through which the hydrogen gas flows.

Claim 8. (Original) The fuel cell system according to claim 1, wherein the hydrogen gas supplying portion is a hydrogen occluding metal tank having a hydrogen gas storing alloy capable of occluding and discharging hydrogen gas.

Claim 9. (Original) The fuel cell system according to claim 1, wherein the hydrogen gas supplying portion is a high-pressure hydrogen gas tank in which hydrogen gas is accumulated.

Claim 10. (Original) The fuel cell system according to claim 1, wherein the second flow passage is connected to the first flow passage.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell system comprising:  
a hydrogen gas supplying portion for supplying hydrogen gas;  
a fuel cell which generates electric power by being supplied with the hydrogen gas delivered from the hydrogen gas supplying portion;  
a flow passage through which a discharge port of the hydrogen gas supplying portion and a supply port of the fuel cell communicate with each other and through which the

hydrogen gas discharged from the hydrogen gas supplying portion flows to be supplied to the fuel cell; and

a valve which is provided ~~[[in]]~~ within the discharge port of the hydrogen gas supplying portion, which can allow or stop gas flow by being opened or closed, and which is integral with ~~integrated into~~ a body of the hydrogen gas supplying portion.

Claim 12. (Original) The fuel cell system according to claim 11, wherein the valve is built into the fuel cell.

Claims 13-14. (Cancelled).

Claim 15. (Original) The fuel cell system according to claim 11, wherein the valve is built into the hydrogen gas supplying portion.

Claim 16. (Original) The fuel cell system according to claim 11, wherein the valve is directly mounted to the hydrogen gas supplying portion on its outer side.

Claim 17. (Original) The fuel cell system according to claim 11, wherein the valve is connected to the hydrogen gas supplying portion without interposing a flow passage member through which the hydrogen gas flows.

Claim 18. (Original) The fuel cell system according to claim 11, wherein the hydrogen gas supplying portion is a hydrogen occluding metal tank having a hydrogen gas storing alloy capable of occluding and discharging hydrogen gas.

Claim 19. (Original) The fuel cell system according to claim 11, wherein the hydrogen gas supplying portion is a high-pressure hydrogen gas tank in which hydrogen gas is accumulated.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell which generates electric power by being supplied with hydrogen gas via a supply port and which exhausts the remaining hydrogen gas via an exhaust port, comprising:

a valve which is provided ~~[[in]]~~ within at least one of the supply port and the exhaust port, which can allow or stop gas flow by being opened or closed, and which is integral with ~~integrated into~~ a body of the fuel cell.

Claim 21. (Original) The fuel cell according to claim 20, wherein the valve is built into the fuel cell.

Claims 22-23. (Cancelled).

Claim 24. (Currently Amended) A hydrogen gas supplying portion comprising:

a valve which is provided ~~[[in]]~~ within a discharge port for discharging the hydrogen gas, which can allow or stop gas flow by being opened or closed, and which is integral with ~~integrated into~~ a body of the hydrogen gas supplying portion.

Claim 25. (Original) The hydrogen gas supplying portion according to claim 24, wherein the valve is built into the hydrogen gas supplying portion.

Claims 26-27. (Cancelled).

Claim 28. (Original) The hydrogen gas supplying portion according to claim 25, wherein the hydrogen gas supplying portion is a hydrogen occluding metal tank having a hydrogen gas storing alloy capable of occluding and discharging hydrogen gas.

Claim 29. (Original) The hydrogen gas supplying portion according to claim 25, wherein the hydrogen gas supplying portion is a high-pressure hydrogen gas tank in which hydrogen gas is accumulated.

Claim 30. (New) A fuel cell system comprising:  
a hydrogen gas supplying portion having a body which confines hydrogen gas and having a hydrogen delivery port;  
a fuel cell having a body including a hydrogen gas supply port and an exhaust port;  
a first flow passage through which the delivery port of the hydrogen gas supplying portion and the supply port of the fuel cell communicate with each other and through which the hydrogen gas delivered from the hydrogen gas supplying portion flows to be supplied to the fuel cell;  
a second flow passage which leads to an exhaust port of the fuel cell and through which the hydrogen gas exhausted from the fuel cell flows; and  
a valve which is provided in within at least one of the supply port and the exhaust port of the fuel cell, which valve can allow or stop flow of the hydrogen gas by being opened or closed, and which is within the body of the fuel cell.

Claim 31. (New) A fuel cell system comprising:

a hydrogen gas supplying portion having a body which confines hydrogen gas and having a hydrogen delivery port;

a fuel cell having a body including a hydrogen gas supply port;

a first flow passage through which the delivery port of the hydrogen gas supplying portion and the supply port of the fuel cell communicate with each other and through which the hydrogen gas delivered from the hydrogen gas supplying portion flows to be supplied to the fuel cell;

a second flow passage which leads to an exhaust port of the fuel cell and through which the hydrogen gas exhausted from the fuel cell flows; and

a valve which is provided in within the delivery port of the hydrogen gas supplying portion, which valve can allow or stop flow of the hydrogen gas by being opened or closed, and which is within the body of the hydrogen gas supplying portion.

Claim 32. (New) A fuel cell which generates electric power by being supplied with hydrogen gas via a supply port and which exhausts the remaining hydrogen gas via an exhaust port, comprising:

a valve which is provided within at least one of the supply port and the exhaust port, which can allow or stop gas flow by being opened or closed, and which is within a body of the fuel cell.

Claim 33. (New) A hydrogen gas supplying portion comprising:

a valve which is provided within a discharge port for discharging the hydrogen gas, which can allow or stop gas flow by being opened or closed, and which is within a body of the hydrogen gas supplying portion.